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MAHS Marching Band Claims Runner Up Honors at PIMBA Championships

Moon Area High School marching band concluded its 2009 Competition season with a second-place finish in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association (PIMBA) Championships held at Gateway High School on Nov. 7.

Moon Area scored 87.88 points to claim runner-up honors behind Gateway in Class AAAA. In their classification, the band also won High General Effect. As an additional honor, the band was awarded the fourth highest score in the show overall out of 24 bands.

Recently, Moon Area scored 84.50 points out of a possible 100 and finished third overall out of 9 participating bands from school districts in Allegheny, Beaver and Washington counties. The band also won the visual category and notched the highest music scores and general effect scores in Class AAAA.

The band's 2009 show consisted of a vast array of music including "Kashmir" by Led Zeppelin, "A Night in Tunisia" by Dizzy Gillespie, "Caravan" by Duke Ellington and many others.

Moon Area High School marching band is under the direction of Nick Barthen and Mick Minamyer. Color guard instructor is Jennifer Minamyer and majorette instructor is E.J. Hartman.